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**Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1)**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for replying to the outstanding Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application be extended two (2) months from January 9, 2002 to March 9, 2002 by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)) is believed to be \$200.00 for a two (2) month extension for a small entity. Fee payment is provided in our accompanying Check No. 34443. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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